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Column One
BY David Courtney

IT is difficult to follow what is happening in this part of the world. The Turkey-Iraq pact, in which M. Menderes had been given an opportunity to do what Mr. Dulles had been unable to do—weld the Arab States into a Western alliance—regionally has become isolated. Instead, Major Salem has brought about a new and purely Arab agreement of his own between Egypt, Syria, and Saudi Arabia for the creation of a defence alliance. Major Salem and the Syrian Foreign Minister, Khaled el Asem, have put their agreement before Jordan and Lebanon. They hope to bring these two countries into their defensive federation.

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BUT in spite of this competition, the Turkey-Iraq pact is likely to grow. There is talk of linking it with the Turkey-Pakistan pact and there are signs that Persia is interested. Reports from London quote diplomatic sources as saying that Britain intends to join the Turkey-Iraq pact "within the next 10 months." Somewhere within that curious period the United States may also join it: and by that time, unless Egypt changes her mind, it will be a thorough-going Western treaty taking the place, in the defence calculations of the West of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty.

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PRESUMABLY the whole matter will be discussed again when the Arab League's Assembly meets in Cairo on March 22. It is thought that Iraq will attend. The earlier belief that the Turkey-Iraq pact would cause the Arab League to disintegrate has not been borne out. The belief in some quarters that the Gaza operation on February 28 had had the effect of patching the League up also seems unfounded. And the fact would seem to be that the League has too little substance to allow of its disintegration under the impact of a direct shock. As for the effect of the Gaza attack, with or without an Arab League all Arab States are likely to rally, in principle at least, whenever one of them is in conflict with Israel.

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THE fact remains that Egypt does seem intent upon establishing a regional alliance or federation entirely free from association with the Western or any other Powers. The question is whether she will be able to do this if it means forgoing the substantial American military and economic aid necessary to maintain Egypt's prestige in the Arab world and to carry out the regime's big programme of economic and social reform. The sums needed for development work in Egypt must run into several hundreds of millions of dollars. And the need for that development is greater than any other need. Nasser himself has stressed its importance and has said, in effect, that the consolidation of the Revolution depends on its accomplishment. Why, then, is he prepared to jeopardize his chances of receiving substantial aid from the United States by a policy of active hostility towards the Turkey-Iraq treaty, which implies active hostility towards Arab association will the West?

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THE situation is confusing and the outcome unpredictable. Britain, the United States and France have been consulting with each other fairly steadily ever since the Turkey-Iraq pact was signed, and probably are not in full agreement about what to do next. Sir Anthony Eden, who is back in London after conferring in Cairo and Karachi on his way to Bangkok, and in Baghdad and Beirut on the return journey, may have proposals to make that will clear the air or at any rate indicate a way out of what looks like a new form of Middle East muddle. For it is unlikely that either he or Mr. Dulles is as content with the Turkey-Iraq pact as their spokesmen have suggested. It is, of course, geographically sound. In the view of Mr. Dulles it is probably better than nothing. The question for Britain to decide is whether it is good enough to take the place of the Anglo-Iraqi treaty. And both of them, of course, have to take into account the possible effect of Egyptian intrigue in Baghdad as well as in other capitals.

Jerusalem, March 9.

Husband Tells Police: 'I Stabbed My Wife'

NAHARIYA, Tuesday. — David Levy, 49, of the Nahariya ma'abara reported to the local police last night that he had just stabbed his wife. He claimed that he had found his wife, Tova, 25, who is the mother of three children, in the company of another man.

Mrs. Levy was taken to the Nahariya Hospital by neighbours and from there to Rothschild Hospital in Haifa, in a serious condition.

The police have do not take the husband's claim seriously. It is thought that he had tried to extract her wages from her. He is unemployed.

Moscow Says Priest Expulsion Reprisal

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Government told the State Department today the expulsion of Father Bisonette, the American Roman Catholic priest, was retaliation for America's refusal to permit Russian Archbishop Boris to extend his stay in the U.S.

This was announced by a spokesman for the State Department which received a Soviet note from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. Father Bisonette was expelled from Moscow last December.

CARNIVAL CROWD TOPS HALF MILLION

Onlookers Pack Parade Route

Jerusalem Post Bureau

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Unprecedented crowds, estimated at more than half a million, packed every inch of street, window and roof space along the route of the Adloyada parade — the main event today in the three days of continuous celebrations in Tel Aviv.

It was clearly a crowd bent on having a good time that began to assemble more than four hours before the procession was scheduled to move off at two o'clock this afternoon. As yesterday for the children's parade, many of the "early birds" brought along stools and refreshments. Parties, including children once again in costume, arrived triumphantly bearing aloft home-made wooden platforms.

Indeed, it was all a little like yesterday, only on a much vaster scale, with some 120 floats and nearly 2,500 persons participating in the parade, and luckily there was a cool breeze to temper the hot sun most of the day.

From noon, all buses ceased operating and all other traffic was diverted from the vicinity of the parade route. From then on, the streets belonged to hurrying masses as they searched for a good vantage point, though by then all the best spots had long been occupied.

Good Order

The exemplary good order sustained by the populace for many hours during the parade is in no small measure due to the unobtrusive and efficient police that lined the route. The vast crowds were directed and advised in a good-humoured manner, and more than one bewildered lost child was brought safely to his worried parents. "If you want to know the way, ask a policeman," runs the old song, but visitors to the city had to choose their policeman, since many of them were "country-cops" and weren't so sure of the way themselves.

About 1,700 policemen were stationed every few metres along the seven-kilometre route. Only children, who were permitted to squat on the pavements in some places, were allowed in front of the rope barriers erected as an additional safety precaution by the police. In the course of a weary day they made a few arrests, but nobody was detained. Also much in evidence were Magen David Adom workers, who treated some 150 persons throughout the celebrations.

Many prison guards, khaki-uniformed, gave the police a hand on the route.

And so, with the last strains of the procession, when the world of fantasy is transformed back to constabulary reality, the tired policeman made his way home, tomorrow to resume his every-day and lawful beat.

Work for Sweepers

After the parade was over, the streets along the route looked like a deserted fairground, with paper, bottles, orange peels and bits of food strewn everywhere. Throughout the evening and far into the night, cafes and kiosks did a roaring business serving the hungry and thirsty crowds who roamed the city, still in holiday mood despite the long day.

Egged announced tonight that they were bringing into service every available bus in an effort to handle the vast number of homeward-bound revellers who came into Tel Aviv from every part of the country. Trains to Jerusalem and Haifa (including extra ones to the North) and inter-urban taxis were packed.

Centre of gaiety until late into the night was Dizengoff Square where crowds sang and danced to music relayed from loudspeakers. Cafes on Rehov Dizengoff were the scene of impromptu concerts and it would appear that these are going to be the last outposts of today's celebrations.

Giant Dolls Dwarf Spectators

By GERDA I. COHEN,

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Excitement reached its highest pitch as viewers on the roofs glimpsed pennants and grotesque heads bobbing in the distance. The last space on the pavements was filled by people rushing out of cafes shouting, "They're coming."

Flanked by mounted police, the first floats portrayed Bible times from Moses to King Solomon in his glory. Dancers in rainbow robes circled the lofty floats where Hebrew slaves and Temple acolytes showed off their muscles. The crowds just had time to identify the Queen of Sheba on her throne when the Adloyada jumped 3,000 years to the First Zionist Congress. Tumultuous applause greeted this true-to-Herzl replica of the hall in Basle. Black-bearded delegates in top hats and side whiskers clapped speeches from the mobile rostrum, Herzl gesticulated nobly and Tel Aviv applauded wildly.

Farmers in Russian blouses and women pioneers in flowing *dirndls* struck attitudes around the placard "Second Aliya." Then came platoons of the "Stocking-Cap Army," the volunteer soldiers and sappers of the Liberation War. Rusty battered jeeps bore loads of husky youngsters in every type of uniform and headgear.

The calendar then took a leap back into Purim for the next floats:

Scarlet and blue-garbed drummers lined the chariot of the Shushan Orchestra, which marked time for Mordechai on his tall white steed. Girls in super-Persian array shook their tambourines at the fire-brigade band which trumpeted with cheerful disregard for the quadrophonics.

The Adloyada then reached 1955, with a difference: a troupe of prickly, green sabras — native-born children — cavorted in front of a double-life-size mother, nursing a small cactus. The float entitled "Internal Immigration," won appreciative howls. Then came the next truck in the guise of a camel with four humps symbolizing the oil, water, iron and uranium in the Negev. Iron and oil flowed from this Negev fauna. An even stranger object — either a flying cigar or a perpendicular saucer — rumbled along behind.

The crowning wonder was a wolf sleeping with a live lamb, preceded by the quotation from Isaiah; giant puppets of Malenkov and Eisenhower who also grinned at each other.

A similar idea turned up on the float "Parties Unite" where

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Dizengoff's Birthday Celebrated Today

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. Haim Levanon, tonight hosted veteran residents of the city, writers, artists and all those who participated in the organization of the Adloyada to a gala ceremony tomorrow in honour of the father of the city, the late Meir Dizengoff. Tomorrow, Shushan Purim, is the 94th birthday of the City's founder. The ceremony will take place at 5 o'clock in the former Dizengoff home in Rothschild Boulevard, now the Municipal museum.

"ON EAGLES WINGS" (Photos by Schlesinger)

SOLDIERS READ MEGILLA IN CAMPS

Thousands of soldiers participated in readings of the Megilla arranged by the Chief Chaplain, and in special holiday celebrations yesterday.

Special Purim gifts were distributed to field units. The U.S. Chief Chaplain, Rabbi Sheinkoff, and a delegation of other guests from abroad were present at a party held at a central Army base.

Rabbi Sheinkoff told the gathering that he had heard much of the bravery of the Israel Army and "now I have had the opportunity to witness the healthy spirit of the soldiers, which is expressed in their high moral qualities."

Persia Said Free To Make Any 'Alliances'

TEHERAN, Tuesday (UP). — Foreign Minister Abdullah Entesam said today that Persia as a sovereign nation can make any alliances she feels are needed in her own interest. The statement was made in reply to an article in "Pravda," the Soviet Communist Party organ, warning Persia not to enter any defence pact against the U.S.S.R.

Mr. Entesam stated that Persia has not yet decided to enter any regional defence agreement, and has informed Russia in a memorandum that she could take any decision in her own interest. Such an action would be consistent with the U.N. Charter, he pointed out.

Toynbee Biased Against Jews, Silver Charges

CLEVELAND, Tuesday (UP). — Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, Zionist leader in America, yesterday accused the historian, Arnold J. Toynbee, of anti-Jewish bias. He also charged Toynbee, author of the famous "Study of History" with writing history to suit his own notions of what should have happened.

Rabbi Silver said Toynbee had a "pet theory that nationalistic feelings are all wrong," yet is "all right where England is concerned. It's just wrong with the countries he doesn't like." He contested Toynbee's statement that Israel was "persecuting" 170,000 Arabs now living in Israel territory and made conditions worse than those of the Jews in Nazi Germany.

"Hundreds of thousands of Arabs chose to remain in Israel and are now full-fledged Israel citizens," Rabbi Silver said. "The plain fact of the matter is that Toynbee is just annoyed because the Jews have not acted the way he thinks they should have — that despite all persecution and tyranny, they have remained Jews."

RUMANIA ENDS STATE OF WAR WITH GERMANY

VIENNA, Tuesday (UP). — The state of war between Rumania and Germany was officially ended on March 7, 1955 by decree of the National Assembly, Radio Bucharest said today.

Rumania is the last Communist nation to fall in line with other Soviet bloc countries in declaring the state of war with Germany ended.

AFTER MIDNIGHT

Stocks fell five points or more on Wall Street yesterday as fears of 100 per cent margins in order to stop speculation touched off the sharpest market break since January 11.

'Brilliant' Renewal Of Tradition

By SHAYA SHAPIRO,

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—The long-awaited, much-heralded, brilliant, didactic first Adloyada parade in 20 years burst into this city's thronged streets and for three hours this afternoon, wound leisurely and stately, between two living walls of eager onlookers, until it resolved itself into the moving mass of carefree people who took over Tel Aviv for the day.

The parade contained floats representing Purims past and present, interspersed with groups of dancing young people in appropriate dress, followed by a number of commercial displays.

Avraham Shapiro, whose glory lies in his exploits 35 years ago, guarding Petah Tikva against marauders, was here on his white mare, as he used to ride in all the former Adloyada parades alongside Mayor Dizengoff.

But Aldema, the white-haired artist, although faithful to his enormous red neckcloth, today took his seat not on horseback but in the central part of the grandstand, not far away from the Prime Minister, the Mayor, Knesset Members, foreign diplomats and other honourable guests. Aldema was the third person who used to ride at the head of the procession with Dizengoff.

The grandstand for 2,000 persons was erected in Sderot Yerushalayim, on the fringe of the Bassa open ground. At least twice that number crammed themselves at the windows and on the roofs of the near-by houses and thronged the green belt in the middle of the road.

Mr. S. Hoofien, Chairman of the Bank Leumi Board of Directors, was among the very first arrivals, at noon. Busloads of tourists poured out of a caravan which brought them right to their seats. They waved amicably and brandished their cameras. By one o'clock, the blue-uniformed firemen had led most guests—and their costumed children—to their places.

At 1.30, loud acclamation greeted Prime Minister Moshe Sharett. Two o'clock, the starting time: general expectancy, as if something important and solemn was to take place. There was no music, no other attraction to make the waiting time less tedious, except the knowledge of the importance of the event. It was as if an Independence Day Army parade was to take place.

The sound of applause from afar announced the approaching of the Adloyada procession, ten minutes late. Mr. Moshe Halevi, the producer, Mr. Haim Alperin, the town's Chief Inspector, and Mr. A. Avisaar, Adloyada manager, appeared in a decorated jeep, acknowledging with a smile the greetings from many acquaintances in the stands.

Then came mounted police followed by police outriders on motorcycles. The police band went by, their trumpets glittering in the sunshine. And then the huge rock with superhuman Moses and Joshua floated in slowly, marking the beginning of the show. The girls in long, brown-striped dresses, who followed the rock, halted before the Prime Minister and danced.

The entire parade took 70 minutes to pass the grandstand.

RISHON WINE CELLARS FLOAT

SOFTEST JOB OF ADLOYADA

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Easiest job in the Adloyada fell to the cafe-loungers who gave a realistic imitation of poker-playing in the "Town to Country" float.

They consumed several bottles en route.

First Prize for endurance goes to a troupe of dancing girls who tripped lightly for seven kilometres.

The Second Prize should go to the families who camped on the pavements at eight o'clock this morning and didn't allow their children to sneak under the rope cordon.

Enthusiastic Street Scenes

Jerusalem Post Staff

The presence of crowds was exploited in various ways: A usually sedate teashop in Allenby Road "let down its hair" and sold hastily made sandwiches to the hungry pleasure-seekers. After the parade, strollers along the same street were invited outside the Old Age Home synagogue to take part in an open-air meeting pleading for closer observance of the Sabbath.

In Jaffa and along the length of Rehov Bilu, which leads from there to Tel Aviv, the enthusiasm was immense. From the moment the prancing white horses came into sight at the head of the parade, a magic link seemed to be created between watchers and participants. Its outward signs were visible in the jokes that passed between them, but it went far deeper than that. Here was the festival spirit par excellence.

Two policemen, themselves strangers to this city, were approached after the parade by a middle-aged woman with the problem of how to get home with the young child that she was holding in her arms. They both set about stopping cars asking the drivers to oblige the woman. Meanwhile, she herself stopped a police staff car and to the great delight of the crowd who had gathered, the high-ranking officer inside opened the door and told her to "hop in."

The Teva Pharmaceutical Works of Jerusalem chartered two special buses to take their workers and families to Tel Aviv for the day's festivities. The Dan bus company, which had released their young employees for two hours earlier in the day so that they could see the parade, demanded that they make up the "lost time" in the late afternoon. As a result of this they were unable to see the whole show. What hurt the young workers most was the fact that children of the members of the cooperative, who also work in the company's offices, did not have to work the late shift.

The Tel Aviv beach was not quite deserted even during the parade. Two lovers were locked in each other's arms some 50 metres away from a young girl who built herself a sandy bookrest, and seemed content to be far from the centre of excitement.

A member of Messrs. Tubiansky, a well-known advertising agency, dressed himself in posters and handbills bearing the names of many of his clients, the Bank Leumi forming a very sound base for Carmel Oriental and Shellitex.

Assisted by members of the "Havurat Hasah" Palmach group, an eight-year-old military policeman in Rehov Ben Yehuda went round checking the documents of the soldiers around him.

Civil War In Vietnam

SAIGON, Tuesday (UP).—Fighting has broken out in southern Vietnam, and three of the nation's powerful religious sects have united against the American-backed regime of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem. Armoured cars today moved into key spots guarding the approaches to Premier Diem's residence for the first time in months.

Informed sources said that fighting had flared up in two parts of Southern Vietnam. Seven battalions of the national Army rushed to the Quangtri region of central Vietnam to engage in clashes with deserters from the auxiliary troops who are being demobilized. In several engagements near Balang the Army claimed to have killed 10 men and wounded numerous others, and that 75 have surrendered.

The coalition of the three sects presented the greatest threat to Diem's Government since the crisis over control of Vietnam's national Army last autumn. The Cao Dai, Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen sects, each with its own private army, settled their political and religious differences last week and called for the formation of a national union front to set up a "[illegible] and [illegible]" government. [illegible] "more time" to oppose the new pact, claiming that she has to consider her obligations under her treaty with Britain.

The Lebanon, on the other hand, has declared a neutral policy towards both the Turco-Iraqi pact and the new three-power Arab alliance.

Meanwhile, the Jordan press unanimously expressed disapproval of the new Cairo-Damascus-Riadh tie-up. "Falastin," the Old City daily, declared flatly that the importance of such a pact lies not in its signature but in its implementation. It pointed scornfully to the many "high-sounding treaties concluded in the Arab world of politics, few of which had ever been implemented." *(Reuter, AFA)*

Eden Asks UN Debate On Gaza Background

LONDON, Tuesday. — Sir Anthony Eden stated here today that the only way of tackling the Arab-Israel dispute was through the Security Council, and he hoped that the Council would deal with the broad issues and not only the Gaza clash.

In reporting to the House of Commons on his recent visit to the Middle East and Bangkok, the Foreign Secretary said that he found a recognition that the security and prosperity of the Middle East could not be fully realised so long as the "present disruptive relations persist with the Arab States and Israel, now unhappily aggravated by further recent incidents."

Sir Anthony added that he felt on his visit "a general acceptance of the need to protect the area from aggression from without."

Sir Anthony said that all the states he visited—Egypt, Pakistan, Iraq and the Lebanon — were anxious to be able to pursue the plans for economic development on which they had embarked. "The British Government is in sympathy with all these aims and is ready to help, insofar as it can, to realise them," he declared.

On the Turco-Iraqi pact, Sir Anthony said "While in Baghdad, I discussed with the Prime Minister of Iraq the question which would arise if the British Government were to accede to the Turco-Iraqi pact. I hope before long to give the House further information on this subject.

British Aim

"Our aim is to forge a new association with Iraq which will bring our relations into line with those already existing with Turkey and our other partners in NATO."

When Mr. Herbert Morrison, Deputy Leader of the Opposition, asked whether anything had been done, or could be done, to end the fundamental difficulty in the Middle East—the state of war persisting between the Arabs and Israel—"at the behest of the Arab states," Sir Anthony replied: "I think/ the House knows we have been making efforts to try to improve the situation there. There had, in fact, been a certain improvement over the past month which has been acknowledged by both sides, when this unhappy Gaza incident occurred, which, I am afraid, will have aroused passions again and set back the work we want to do.

"I can see nothing which can be achieved in that sphere now except that it should be handled by the Security Council, and I would hope that in doing so, the Security Council will be able to do it on the broadest basis, dealing not only with the immediate issue, but with the wider issue as well."

(Reuter, INA)

France Urges 'Calm, Caution'

PARIS, Tuesday (UP). — France today threw its traditional influence in the Middle East into the balance to try to ease the tension generated by two rival defence systems that has split Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia, from Turkey and Iraq. The Egyptian Ambassador, Mahmoud Salah el Falaki, went to the Quai d'Orsay for a talk with Secretary-General Rene Massigli who reportedly explained the French position and urged calm and caution.

M. Massigli told Falaki that Premier Nuri e-Said of Iraq had given formal assurances that the pact with Turkey did not oppose the principles of Syrian and Lebanese independence. France has feared the pact would mean a union of Syria and Iraq which would be the end of French influence in the former country.

France insists, it was pointed out, that any Middle East defence must draw the approval of all states in the area, and this means that Israel's approval must also be obtained. Observers said that France wishes to expand its friendly ties with Israel and sympathizes with her, at the same time holding the Arabs responsible for the existing tension. At the Security Council debate on the Gaza incident, France is expected to stress the notion that the Arabs forced Israel's hand by refusing to make peace.

Dulles, Eden Split On Quemoy, Matsu

LONDON, Tuesday. — The Chinese Nationalists should withdraw from Quemoy and Matsu, and both they and the Communists should refrain from force in the dispute over those islands and their claims to Formosa and the Pescadores, Sir Anthony Eden said in the House of Commons today.

(In Washington today, Secretary of State Dulles told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he had not changed the views contained in his New York speech of February 16 in which he rejected the idea of letting mainland forces occupy Quemoy and Matsu).

In a report on his recent trip to Bangkok and the Middle East, Sir Anthony stated that the U.S. Government has given "positive proof" of its desire to relax tension by effectively restraining the Nationalists from attacking the Chinese mainland in recent weeks.

The Peking Government for its part, had refrained from attacking the Nationalist-held islands of Quemoy and Matsu.

He trusted that the Communists would continue to exercise this restraint and that "while maintaining intact in all respects their position in regard to Formosa and the Pescadores, they will not prosecute their aims by forceful means."

The Foreign Secretary said: "It is equally desirable that the Chinese Nationalists for their part, should also do two things. First we would like to see them withdraw their armed forces from the other coastal islands (chiefly Quemoy and Matsu).

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Israel Gaza Appeal Not Yet Received

Israel's appeal to the special Appeals Committee of the Israel-Egyptian Mixed Armistice Commission in connection with the MAC decision on the Gaza incident has not yet been received at U.N. headquarters in Jerusalem, the U.N. spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night. He added that if it is received today, a meeting of the Committee will be called before the end of the week.

General Burns, he added, was not expected to fly to New York, until the Appeals Committee had disposed of the issue.

The Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission is due to meet tomorrow to discuss the Jordan complaint regarding the alleged killing of the five Beduin in the Hebron area last week.

Reuter yesterday quoted reliable sources as saying that the United Nations as saying that the Security Council is not likely to meet again on the Gaza clash before early next week.

British Ignore Official Gaza Line

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM,
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday. — Whitehall, in its own estimation, has now told Israel in no uncertain terms what it thinks of the Gaza affair. This is the gist of an officially inspired account in today's "Times," from which the reader is supposed to gather that Mr. Eliahu Elath, the Israel Ambassador, was summoned to the Foreign Office yesterday to be severely reprimanded by Mr. Anthony Nutting, Minister of State, for the Israel Government's recent behaviour.

"Israel's policy seems to be directly opposed to the British view that everything possible should be done to reduce tension on the frontiers," writes the paper's diplomatic correspondent, adding "it may be assumed that Mr. Nutting made these misgivings as clear as possible."

This stern manner is, however, not reflected in today's editorial in "The Times" which contents itself with the mildest possible reproof to Israel for needlessly antagonizing her Western friends, while the "Manchester Guardian" in a lengthy editorial puts the blame for the continued state of war between Egypt and Israel squarely on the Cairo junta.

The other papers, led by the "Daily Telegraph," have, over the past week resolutely refused to touch the issue. There is now a very marked discrepancy between public reaction to the Gaza affair and the tone adopted by the Foreign Offices, a discrepancy which suggests that the lessons of the past have sunk in. While the B.B.C. has loyally played up to the Foreign Office, it has been remarkable to observe the tacit refusal of Parliament and the press to join the game — to the point where all news from the area has for days been relegated to relatively obscure corners in the responsible papers which normally need only a slight stimulus to provide the required echo.

The fact that Egypt has been unable to prevent the signing of the Turco-Iraqi pact has meanwhile been welcomed, while the pact between Egypt and Syria naturally has a bad press insofar as it is noticed. There may be some tactical advantage in representing Israel as the bad boy in a situation where in fact it is Egypt which is creating difficulties all round.

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"The Times'" editorial advice to Israel not to create needless difficulties for the Western powers is, however, undoubtedly the reflection of a genuine concern, as is the implied suggestion that the Arab states are not at the moment a military danger to Israel and that a preventive war would be unjustified.

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'Last Bid to Save Baghdad'

Cairo reports last night said that the Syrian Foreign Minister, Khaled el Azem, planned to fly to Baghdad tomorrow in "a last effort to win Iraq back into the Arab fold."

He will be accompanied by Fakher el Kayyali, Minister of Economics. The two will outline to the Iraqi authorities the new pact between Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia.

In Cairo, Propaganda Minister Salah Salem yesterday discussed Jordan's attitude to the new alliance, with Gen. Saif e-Din Ibrahim, the Egyptian Ambassador to Amman, and the Egyptian Military Attache, Colonel Gamal Hammad. Jordan has

Turks to Inspect Armistice Lines

A nine-member Turkish military delegation arrived in the Old City on Monday and will make a tour of the Armistice lines, the Jordan daily, "El Jihad," reported yesterday.

In Baghdad, yesterday, the spokesman of Mr. Celal Bayar's delegation said that the Turkish President would visit Jordan in the near future, the Arab News Agency reported.

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WITH FINEST MACEDONIAN TOBACCO

Social & Personal

The Minister of Defence, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, and the Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Dayan attended a performance of "The Tea House of the August Moon" by John Patrick (Hebrew by Dahn Ben-Amotz) produced by Julius Gellner, at the Habimah Theatre in Tel Aviv last night.

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Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nissim, Rishon LeZion, yesterday entertained to dinner the Minister for Religious Affairs and Social Welfare, and Mrs. Moshe Shapiro, and Mr. Yitzhak Shalom, of New York, a leader of Sephardic Jewry in the U.S. Rabbi Nissim was also called on yesterday by a delegation of Cochin immigrants.

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The U.S. Consul General in Jerusalem, Mr. William Cole, was the guest of the Jerusalem Y's Men's Club for dinner last night. Mr. Cole spoke on the tasks of a foreign service officer.

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Mr. H. C. Katz, the Austrian Commercial Delegate, left Tuesday for Vienna by Swissair.

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ARRIVALS: Mr. P. Taussig, Deputy Director of the KLM in Israel, from a two-week business visit to Holland (by KLM); Dr. Henry Shvabacher, Chairman of the Jewish National Fund in Switzerland, and Mrs. Shvabacher, for a four-week visit.

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DEPARTURES: Mr. E. Kessel, of the Ministry of Health, for North Africa, to join the Committee for Selecting Immigrants to Israel (by Swissair); Father Dimitri Mlodzianovsky, member of the Russian Orthodox Mission in Jerusalem, to Vienna, on a lengthy visit to the U.S.S.R. (by SAS); Mr. M. Greiber, Director of the J.N.F.'s Latin America Department, to Central American countries, on a mission for the Department.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lowenstein were At Home on Sunday to the patrons of the Haifa Orchestra. Among those present was Mr. Abba Khoushy, Mayor of Haifa.

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Dr. J. L. Walsh, Professor of Mathematics at Harvard University, was the guest of honour at a reception given by the Hebrew University at Beit Shalom on Monday night. Professor Walsh is on a four-week visit to Israel at the invitation of the University, under whose auspices he is delivering a series of lectures on "Theory of Functions."

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Mr. Jay A. Silverberg, vice-president of K. Wolens, of Corsicana, Texas, and Mrs. Silverberg, who are touring the country under the auspices of the United Jewish Appeal, are staying at the King David Hotel.

HELP FOR NEEDY BEING DISCUSSED

The Ministries of Health and Social Welfare are now conducting negotiations to determine the financial share of each in the hospitalization of ma'barot residents, principally in non-government hospitals, an official announcement stated yesterday.

The Ministry for Social Welfare is to ensure a suitable budget in the coming fiscal year for all needy residents, including minorities living in supported areas or persons receiving support who require hospitalization.

NEW VILLAGES ASSURED POTATO PRICES

Minimum prices for potatoes grown by new agricultural settlements have been raised in an effort to increase the area under potatoes, the Ministry of Agriculture announced yesterday.

Settlements in Class "A" will be guaranteed a minimum price of 180 pruta a kilogram for grade 1 potatoes and 90 pruta for grade 2. Settlements in Class "B" will be guaranteed 145 pruta and 90 pruta, respectively. (New settlements are grouped according to the degree of assistance they require, Class "A" being those needing the most help.)

ANTI-WHITE. — Troops and police patrolled the streets of Mombasa yesterday in the wake of anti-white riots staged by striking Africans.

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME
328, 349, 33.5 & 41.9 M.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 1.30, 6.00, 6.15, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8 a.m. 6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.38 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.10 Morning Melodies (R). .745 Oriental Music (R). 9.00 Close Down. 12.00 N. "Music at Noon" (R). 12.30 "Wine in Song & Dance." 1.45 Break for Music. 2.30 Close Down. 4.00 p.m. Tea Time Music (R). 5.00 "Israel Dances in Chamber Music." 5.30 Children's Hour. 7.00 Purim Songs (R). 7.45 "Noah's Ark." 8.25 Bible Reading. 8.45 The Week in the U.N. 9.00 Lucky Listener. 9.30 "Dancing" directed by Devora Bartonov. 9.45 Classical Request Programme: Works by Offenbach, Milhaud, Bort, Gershwin, Rimsky-Korsakov, Ravel. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
467, 482, 385, 315, 48.9 & 32.3 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. French News: 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR: 6.15 p.m. Programme for Yemenites. 6.30 French. 7.00 Ladino. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Close Down. 8.46 Rumanian. 9.00 Hungarian. 9.15 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.2 M.): 11.15 p.m. News. 11.25 "Ask the Expert." 11.30 Musical Greetings. 11.45 The Week's News.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 232 & 328 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Rad'sel. 7.00 Request. 7.30 Tomorrow's Banabeen. 7.45 Noah's Ark. 8.00 Musical Key. 8.30 News. 8.45 "Jazz." 9.00 Lucky Listener. 9.15 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (16.79, 16.85, 19.42 & 25.15 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m News; News Talk; Youth Magazine.

Arab Workers Get Chance To Become Skilled Artisans

By GIDEON WEIGERT

The festive opening of the Nazareth Vocational Training Centre on Monday afternoon by the Minister of Labour marks an important milestone in the slow but steady progress of the Ministry in the field of vocational training for Israel Arabs.

In opening this new centre in Nazareth, which is equipped with the most modern machinery, the Government has three major aims: (1) to eliminate the exploitation of unskilled Arab workers, who generally remain ungraded until they have worked at a job; (2) to supplement the knowledge of semi-skilled workers; and (3) to train unskilled Arab workers, who form the bulk of unemployed Arab workers.

The centre will give full-time courses lasting from three months to a year, in addition to special evening courses. The main subjects are to be carpentry (with an affiliated course in the carving of Christian religious articles from olive wood), lock-smithery, machine works, sewing for women, and the assembly and repair of agricultural equipment—the first time that Israel Arabs will have a chance to be trained in this vital field.

The 65 participants in the first group of courses include graduates of Arab secondary schools, semi-skilled workers who lack the necessary theoretical background, and unemployed unskilled labourers. They will all be given aptitude tests.

All participants in full-time courses will be tided over the period of their courses by the Ministry, in the form of loans enabling them to support their families.

Classes will be taught in Arabic, and the bulk of the centre's staff will consist of Arab instructors.

Dozens of courses have been maintained by the Ministry of Labour especially for Arabs since the inception of the State, and hundreds of Arab men and women have completed them and are now using the skills they learned.

Women's Course

For women, the Ministry has conducted a one-year sewing course for 14 Arab girls in Nazareth and two similar courses in Acre for 18 girls. In the rural sector, a six-month sewing course for 12 girls was held at Kafr Yassif in Galilee.

In Nazareth over 18 Palestine Mandatory government officials attended a six-month refresher course, including Hebrew, following which they entered various Government positions.

In the field of vocational training for Arab workers the Ministry has joined hands with the Histadrut in maintaining a vocational training school in Jaffa where 50 Arab workers receive intensive training.

Heavy Armed Patrols On Irish Border

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Tuesday (Reuter). — Thousands of armed police patrolled the 320-km. border between Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic on Sunday night as rumours that a raid was being planned by the outlawed Irish Republican Army continued to mount.

The mobilization was the biggest in a decade.

A 23-year-old motorist, Mr. Austin Stinson, was seriously wounded when warning shots were fired at his car by Northern Irish special police late on Sunday night.

Police said a special constabulary patrol signalled to him to stop "but either he did not see the signal or apparently ignored it.

"He was in the act of reversing when a number of warning shots were fired by the patrol. One of these hit Stinson in the body, and he was seriously wounded," they said.

About 24 hours earlier 20-year-old Arthur Leonard was killed and a girl companion wounded when special constabulary fired on their van.

On Sunday night and early yesterday regular members of the Royal Ulster Constabulary and the special constabulary manned posts along the border from Londonderry in the north-west to Newry in the south-east.

Police leave was stopped and officers who were not on patrol manning road blocks or searching cars crossing the border, were confined to barracks.

Both regular and special police were armed with rifles, revolvers or sten guns.

A senior police officer said "The whole thing is routine to a certain extent."

ACTUARIES DIVIDED ON LINKED LOANS

Divergent views concerning the advisability of the proposed linking of loans to some fixed value indices were expressed at a recent meeting of the Israel Association of Actuaries.

While some members saw in the proposal a step towards eventual stability of the currency, others voiced apprehension that linking would lead to manifold speculative devices and result in increased instability of the unprotected sectors of local economy.

THE FILM Censorship Board has approved the showing of "The Trial," a German-speaking film made in Austria, following the recommendation of the Cabinet.

Constitution Offer A 'Trap'—Makarios

BY IRIS K. RUSSELL
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NICOSIA, Tuesday. — Archbishop Makarios, Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church in Cyprus and leader of the enosis movement, recently declared that the "British attempts to persuade us to accept the constitution as a step towards self-determination are only a trap. What we want is nothing less than immediate self-determination and nothing more than freedom."

He was speaking from the pulpit of the Cathedral of St. John here. Among the congregation was the former British War Minister, Lord Hore-Belisha, now on a short visit to the island.

It is understood that Makarios' words were aimed at countering rumours that the British would recognise the Cypriots' right to self-determination in the unspecified future if the Archbishop agreed to accept the constitution.

Britain to Spend £30m. On Cyprus Installations

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Britain plans to spend about £30m. on buildings and land in Cyprus for the British Army in the next 10 years, Mr. Fitzroy MacLean, Under-Secretary for War, stated in a parliamentary reply today.

Among the troops to be stationed in Cyprus were the joint headquarters of the Middle East Command and certain Army and Royal Air Force units forming part of the British garrison to be kept in the Middle East, he said.

MRS. ROOSEVELT ON WAY TO ISRAEL

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, arrived here today on her way to inspect transit camps in southern France for Jewish migrants from North Africa, and reception camps in Israel.

She will spend four days here and visit Rome on her way to Israel.

RAANAN WEITZ IN U.S.

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — Dr. Raanan Weitz, Director of the Department of Agricultural Settlement of the Jewish Agency, has arrived here to study land-reclamation and crop production in the U.S.

He will also speak in a number of cities on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

Where to go

JERUSALEM

★ **Purim Carnival:—**
Jerusalem Biblical Zoo, 11 a.m.

★ **Exhibitions:—**
"Conquest of the Desert" permanent exhibition at the former Israel pavilion of the International "Conquest of the Desert" Exhibition 10-1, 4-6 p.m.

Department of Antiquities, special exhibition: Excavations of a Cana'anite Temple on the sea-shore of Nahariya (XVIIIth-XVth centuries B.C.E.). 35 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech. Open 9-1.

Oil Paintings and Pen Drawings by Yoel Bergner. Exhibition of Paintings of the 17th century from the Museum's collection. Exhibit of the Month: Glass Vessel mounted in gold, 1st-3rd centuries A.D.; gift of Mr. Jack Linsky, New York. Also Arts and Crafts Exhibition in memory of Mr. Y. Hiath. Bezalel Museum. 9-1, 3-6.

Exhibition of Oils and Drawings by Shlomo Van Den Berg and Sculptures by David Palombo, "Nora Studio" Art Gallery, 9 Maimon Avenue, 10-1, 3-6.

★ **Tours:—**
Hebrew University conducted tour new Administration Building, King George Ave., opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.

★ **Film Show:—**
Keren Hayesod, for tourists and visitors, 11:30 a.m.

★ **Library:—**
American Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate Masaiila Rd. Entrance free, 9-1, 3-6.

TEL AVIV

★ **Exhibitions:—**
1) Abstract and Surrealist Paintings. 2) Nahum Gutman, recent works. 3) Hiroshima colour woodcuts. (Collection: Dr. McGrath). Open daily 10-6, Fridays, Saturdays 10-1, Sundays 4-10 p.m. Tel Aviv Museum.

★ **Theatre:—**
Habimah, "The Tea House." Habimah, 8 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, "The Miser," Mograbi Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Chamber Theatre, Shakespeare's "As You Like It." Chamber Theatre Hall, 5.30 p.m.
Do-Re-Mi, "Rose from Istanbul," Beit Ha'am Hall, 9 p.m.

HAIFA

★ **Exhibitions: —**
Jewish Antiquities, Egyptian, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine. Municipal Museum of Ancient Art. Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7.

AFFULA

★ **Theatre: —**
Habimah, "A Tale of Three and Four," Habimah, 8 p.m.

NATANYA

★ **Theatre:—**
Yiddisha Komedie Theatre—"Dos Meidel fun Mine Herz." L. Libgold, L. Liliana. 8.30 p.m.

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★ **Ziratron:—**
"Cocktail 1955" Revue and the Olga Bial Paris Ballet. Premiere. Ziratron, 4 and 8.30 p.m.

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Reinforcements Arrive To Fight Casablanca Terror

CASABLANCA, Tuesday. — Two companies of French *gendarmes* totalling 400 men were flown in yesterday and immediately joined in the battle against the mounting wave of terrorism, it was officially announced today.

There is evidence that the reinforced security forces will have to combat not only nationalist extremists but the well-armed and well-equipped organizations set up by the French settlers as well. These vigilantes act in retaliation for attacks against French nationals.

While the *gendarmerie* reinforcements were being landed at the airport, a fresh series of terrorist attacks rocked the town. A 19-year-old baker was shot dead in his father's shop last night, and a grenade which exploded in a market killed one Moroccan and seriously wounded another. A bomb exploding in a house slightly wounded a 65-year-old Moroccan woman last night, while a Moroccan newspaper vendor was shot at this morning and wounded in the thigh. *(UP, Reuter)*

Petition Planned On Marriage Law Change

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — A petition for the amendment of the Marriage and Divorce Law, passed by the Knesset in 1953, is planned by the League for Women's Rights in Israel.

The League, which regards the act as an attempt to curtail "the rights won by the women of Israel by honest and hard work, side by side with men, for the reconstruction of their country and the creation of the State of Israel," plans to have the petition signed by at least 50,000 men and women, in order to induce the Knesset to bring the question up for renewed discussion.

ISRAEL FASHIONS IN NEW YORK

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Israel fashions will be exhibited at the New York Import Show on May 15, the Manufacturers Association has announced.

The Israel fashion show in Los Angeles last month under the auspices of the Bond Drive was very successful, and knitted wear, coats and Yemenite-style embroidered blouses were all sold. Orders for more similar items were also received at the show.

JORDAN GETS £65,000

The Old City Municipality last Sunday received £65,000 as its share of the LP162,000 deposited by the Mandatory authorities with Barclays Bank for enlarging the Rosh Ha'ayin water project, the Old City "A-Diffa" has reported. From the original sum, the British Government deducted £20,000 for compensation to British employees of the water works. The remainder was divided between Israel and Jordan, and the Jordan share was frozen for six years at the Bank.

Cinemas

JERUSALEM
At 3.30, 6.30 and 8.30 p.m.

ARNON: Hiawatha.
EDEN: Washington Story.
EDISON: Hans Christian Anderson. 2nd week.
ORGIL: Them.
ORION: Three Coins in the Fountain.
ORNA: The Lawless Breed.
RON: So This Is Paris, 2nd week.
STUDIO: Kind Hearts and Coronets, 4th week.
YEL OR: Tarzan's Savage Fury.
ZION HALL: Tropic Zone.

TEL AVIV
At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

ALLENBY: Verdi, 2nd week.
MOGRABI: How to Marry a Millionaire, 3rd week.
OPHIR: "La Grande Speranza."
ORION: City Lights, 4th week.
SHDEROT: The Damned Don't Cry.
TAMAR: The Captain's Paradise. Also continuous from 9.45 a.m. to 5.45 p.m.

HAIFA
At 3.30, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

GAL-OR: City Across the River. Matinees: Adventures of Casanova.
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'Main Street' Comes In Luxury Liner

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The 29,500-ton, American luxury liner, the s.s. Independence, arrived here with 530 American tourists early this morning. The ship is on her annual, grand Mediterranean cruise calling at 20 different ports.

Mr. Gordon Wilbur, Public Relations Officer of the American Export line, the vessel's owners, told the Press aboard the ship that the passengers were a cross section of the "main streets" of America. He did not think that there were many millionaires aboard, but rather "people who had worked hard all their lives to realize this trip." The ship served as a "nautical ambassador" to the Middle East, and if passengers were impressed by what they saw here, more tourists would come in their wake from the 35 States from which they came. The average passenger age on this trip was 58.

The tourists paid from $1,500 to $12,000 each for the trip, the latter accommodation consists of two bedrooms, a living room and three private showers.

On the trip there were expert instructors for bridge, canasta, dancing, golf and gymnastics. The ship carries a 595-man crew.

Her regular route is the America-Italy line and she does the grand tour once yearly. On the cruise catalogue, Israel is described as "rich in historical and religious traditions, a land of brave pioneers, men and women from all parts of the world working together to create a new, independent and democratic state."

Most of the passengers disembarked this morning to tour the country, while this evening, Miss Rina Nikova's Ballet Group is giving a Biblical Dance performance aboard the ship. The Export Line is represented by Mr. Aaron Rosenfeld here.

Princess Margaret Back In London After Tour

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Princess Margaret, calm and smiling, today drove through London streets past newspapers blaring news of her rumoured romance with a British Air Attache, Group Captain Peter Townsend, 40.

Big crowds cheered her loudly along the way to the Mansion House, headquarters of the Lord Mayor of London, where she was entertained to lunch by the City of London to welcome her home from a tour of the West Indies. Police had to link arms to hold the surging crowds back around the Mansion House.

In a 350-word speech after the lunch the 24-year-old sister of Queen Elizabeth ignored the rumours which have set Europe and America buzzing.

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Plastics Help New Bladders to Grow

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — Three surgeons in Detroit, experimenting on dogs, have achieved the sensational development of inducing nature to replace the bladders of the animals with new ones by providing her with a plastic mould with which to work.

The surgeons, Drs. A. W. Bohne, R. W. Osborn, and J. P. Hettle, said that after further experiment and study, it would be possible to do the same thing in human beings. Natural regeneration of any organ of the body at the will of a surgeon is remarkable. Only three organs, the thyroid gland, the liver, and the bladder, have marked regenerative powers. But the latter depends upon the surgeon leaving a portion, sometimes a major one, of the old, worn-out or diseased organ, for nature to work with.

Where the bladders had been, the surgeons put rectangular moulds made of acrylic plastic. Through these moulds ran Y-shaped tubes of polyethylene plastic, whose upper branches were inserted through the natural channels into the kidneys. The lower tail of the "Y" was passed through the natural canal to the outside of the body. After five to 10 weeks, they operated on the dogs again and discovered that nature had grown new bladders around the moulds, which were removed, leaving the animals with new bladders which functioned normally.

Nevada's Atom Cloud Now Being Tracked

WASHINGTON, Tuesday. — Fixed monitoring stations and mobile teams today tracked the nuclear cloud from yesterday's Atomic test, the biggest this year, at Las Vegas, Nevada.

The Atomic Energy Commission indicated that part of the huge cloud was being blown eastward and by Thursday was expected to reach North Carolina on a front of perhaps 300 kilometres. The lower part of the cloud was being blown westward and was expected to cross central California and move over the Pacific Ocean.

Meanwhile, a British atomic scientist in London claimed today that the hydrogen bomb that the U.S. exploded last year was actually a device using cheap uranium-238 instead of expensive heavy hydrogen. For that reason said Polish-born Dr. Joseph Rotblat, a physics professor at London University who helped American scientists develop the atomic bomb in the Second World War, the fall of lethal radioactive ash was far greater than could be expected from an ordinary hydrogen bomb.

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Big Bob Baker Moves Up as Heavies Contender

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP). — Big Bob Baker of Pittsburg replaced ex-champion Ezzard Charles at third place among the world's heavyweight contenders in the monthly ratings released by the "Ring" magazine. Robert Cohen was again listed as bantamweight champion.

Baker's boost from fourth to third strengthened his chance of getting a September title shot. Only Nino Valdes, of Cuba, number one, and Don Cockell, of England, number two, are above him now. Cockell already has been signed to challenge Rocky Marciano for the crown at San Francisco in the week of May 16. Valdes could be by-passed again in September.

Despite Ezzard Charles' victory over Charley Norkus on February 18, the ex-champ was dropped to fourth place because of inactivity. Heinz Neuhas, of Germany, European heavy champion, was dropped from sixth to eighth because he was held to a draw by Henry Hall, of New Orleans.

In the lightweight division, ex-champion Paddy Demarco of New York was dropped from top contender to number four because of his knockout by Seraphin Ferrer of France. Dulio Loi of Italy moved up one notch to first place.

Charles Humez, of France, rose from fourth to second among middleweight contenders because of his knockout victory last Monday night. Humez is negotiating for a shot at Carl (Bobo) Olson's title. Top-contender Joey Giardello's involvements with the law will cause him to be by-passed.

Former welterweight champion Kid Gavilan of Cuba, sank from second to fourth among 147-pound contenders because of his upset defeat by Hector Constance of Feb. 23.

U.S. Appointments At Mexico City

NEW YORK, (By Mail).—Sam Fox, Health and Physical Education Director of the Kansas City Jewish Community Centre, has been appointed by the Mexican Basketball Federation as one of the basketball officials for the Pan-American Games to be held in Mexico City this month. Mr. Fox has also been designated an official referee of the International Federation of Basketball Associations, which qualifies him for a referee's role in the 1956 Olympic Games at Melbourne, Australia.

Abie Grossfield, of New York City, who won six gold medals as a gymnast performer at the 4th World Maccabiah in September, 1953, has been selected a member of the United States gymnastic team to compete in the Pan-American Games. Grossfield was a serious competitor for the all-around Maccabian award which went to Fred Oberlander, of Montreal.

Dr. Harry Werbin, also of Kansas City, will be serving as trainer of the American track and field team. Dr. Werbin, who was the Israel physician at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, was also the U.S. physician at the 1950 and 1953 Maccabiahs. *B.A.*

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FORECAST: Sharav conditions with fresh southeasterly winds and haze in south; possibly weakening towards evening.

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Mt. Canaan	40	3	14	31
Tiberias	30	8	21	28
Haifa Port	52	6	19	25
Natanya	48	6	22	36
Tel Aviv Port	61	8	19	34
Lydda Airport	34	—	23	38
Jerusalem	21	6	13	34
Beersheba	10	2	34	29
Sdom	—	12	21	30
Eilat	28	12	34	31

* *A) Humidity at 3 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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SOCIAL WELFARE offices have been established in the Arab villages of Tira, Taiyiba and Baka el Gharbiya.

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BNEI BRAK telephone subscribers will be attached to the Ramat Gan exchange beginning Friday. The new telephone numbers have been circulated to all exchanges and have been listed in all post offices.

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AHDUT HA'AVODA yesterday began publishing an Arabic weekly — El Merhav. This is the seventh Israel Arabic weekly.

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160 TONS of glucose and 50 tons of chinaware are due to arrive in the s.s. Piast in Haifa from Poland tomorrow.

TRUMAN COMING WHEN BOOK FINISHED

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — Mr. Harry Truman, former President of the U.S., plans to visit Israel as soon as he finishes writing his autobiography, Mr. S. Lorincz, M.K., told the Press here last night, on his return (by KLM) from a visit to the U.S. and England, on behalf of Agudat Yisrael.

Mr. Lorincz, who had been Mr. Truman's guest, had seen in the latter's study one bust only — that of the late Dr. Weizmann. Mr. Truman explained that in these days of the atom age, he derived encouragement from the image of a man who symbolized science, the prophets and a religion all in one. *(Itim)*

Young U.S. Pianist Coming for Concerts

TEL AVIV, Tuesday (USIS).— Ervin Laszlo, one of America's outstanding younger pianists, is expected to arrive in Israel on March 17 for a number of concerts in cities and settlements.

His first Israel concert will be at the EOA House here on March 22 and he will appear in Jerusalem with the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Mr. Laszlo's engagement is under the auspices of the Israel-America Friendship League and under the management of the impresario, Mr. W. H. Robert.

His tour of this area is sponsored by the American National Theatre and Academy (ANTA), the organization under whose aegis the recent appearance of "Porgy and Bess" took place.

Born in Budapest, Laszlo made his debut there at the age of nine. He went to the U.S. in 1947 and has appeared in London, Paris, Amsterdam and other European music centres.

ITALIAN LINER DUE HERE AGAIN

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Italian liner, Pace, will resume regular sailings between Haifa and Europe tomorrow after an interruption of three months during which she underwent repairs in Genoa.

The ship's first trip after repairs was from Italy to Portugal, carrying 400 Italian guests to the marriage ceremony of Princess Maria Pia, daughter of ex-King Umberto to Prince Alexander of Yugoslavia, at Cascais on February 8.

On her return, the ship was caught in a storm which swept Southern Europe, and had to fight for 2½ hours before she could enter port in Nice.

WORKERS COMPENSATION PASSED IN JORDAN

The Jordan Parliament on Monday night approved a bill providing for the country's first workers' compensation, "El Jihad," the Jordan daily reported yesterday.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT: Eggs: 4, Ayin 12, Tsmp. 4. Expectant mothers: for March, 16 eggs, coupons 17, 18. Poultry, 1½ kg., coupons 5,6. Imported cheese, 300 gms, coupon 29. Elderly persons: 500 gms. poultry, Heh cards, Mem Heh 2.

TEL AVIV AND SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Poultry for children in Tel Aviv District: 500 gms. Ayin 26, expectant mothers in Tel Aviv District: 750 gms., coupons 5, 6. Elderly persons: 500 gms., Mem Heh 5. Invalids: 500 gms., Het Aleph 3 and Het Bet 9. Fish fillet: 150 gms. Tav Bet 9.

NORTHERN DISTRICT: Filled Chocolate for children: no coupon, Temp. 12. Sugar: 1 kg., additional 500 gms. for Aleph cards, Ayin 7, Temp. 2. Margarine: 250 gms., Ayin 1, Temp. 10. Butter: 300 gms., Ayin 1, Temp. 10. Cornflour: for Feb.-March, 600 gms., Aleph cards, no coupon, Temp. 25. Jam: rural area, 300 gms. per person.

G.Z. Force Vote Against Kariv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The General Zionist party in the Jerusalem Municipality is to call on Mayor Y. Kariv tomorrow demanding that he convene an emergency meeting within 48 hours to vote on a non-confidence motion, a spokesman for the party announced yesterday.

This move follows the failure of Mayor Kariv to call a regular session "within the week," i.e. by tomorrow, to discuss the situation created by the General Zionists' withdrawing their support (four votes) from Mayor Kariv on Sunday.

A Histadrut spokesman told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that his faction (which has six seats) would submit a similar motion jointly with the General Zionists. It is believed that the Progressives and Herut, with two votes each, will also support the motion which requires 11 votes.

Building Licences 'Frozen' On Mayor's Desk

Dozens of building licences have been "frozen" on Mayor Y. Kariv's desk for the past few months, Mr. Avraham Shevah, chairman of the Jerusalem Contractors Association, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday. These licences have been approved by the Engineering Department and meet the limitations laid down by the Special Committee, composed of Municipal and Ministry of Interior officials, which was set up to work out a uniform building system in Jerusalem.

Even if the contractors wanted to begin building without licences, it would be impossible, since the Water Department refuses to provide the contractors with water needed to mix cement without the licence signed by the Mayor.

Mr. Shevah said that "ordinarily", even without the present "freeze," it took three to four months for a request for a licence which met all requirements to be approved. It should take about 20 days, he claimed.

He deplored the fact that the delay in issuing the licences was keeping "hundreds" of building workers from being gainfully employed. This was particularly distressing since the Jerusalem Workers Council had recently asked the Association to urge its members to hire as many unemployed as they could before the Passover holidays.

TWO-WAY GAP IN IRON CURTAIN

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — A 61-year-old immigrant from Riga, Soviet Latvia, Mrs. Rivka Shalomov, arrived here today to join her son whom she had not seen for 17 years. (Kol Yisrael reported tonight that he is a member of Kibbutz Kfar Blum in the Hula Valley.)

Mrs. Shalomov, who lost her husband and her four other sons during World War II, received her exit visa after her son had appealed to Marshal Voroshilov.

Also after 17 years, in this case spent in this country, Mrs. Rosa Lander, 80, left here today for Stockholm on her way to the Soviet Union where she will join her daughter and grandchildren who live in Leningrad.

UNIVERSITY ASKS FOR MORE LAND

The allocation of additional land to the present 840-dunam site of the new Hebrew University in Jerusalem was discussed by Professor B. Mazar, President of the University, and Mr. M. Schattner, Director of the Development Authority, on a tour of the area on Sunday.

The official announcement stated that the University has asked the Development Authority, on whose land the buildings are being constructed, to grant the land in order to provide housing for teachers and research workers.

53 ARAB, DRUZE STUDENTS AT H.U.

Fifty-three Arab and Druze students are studying at the Hebrew University this year. Of these 35 are freshmen, of whom one is the only Arab woman student at the University. Thirty-one of the 53 are in the Faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences, four in the Faculty of Science, two in the Faculty of Agriculture, 10 in the Faculty of Law and six in the Faculty of Medicine (one in the School of Pharmacy and two in the School of Dentistry).

Esperanto Approved By UNESCO Conference

The Director General of UNESCO was authorized to cooperate with the Universal Esperanto Association in matters concerning both organizations at the General Conference of UNESCO held in Montevideo last December.

The conference took note of Esperanto's achievements in the field of international intellectual relations, and requested member states who teach the language in their schools to keep the Director General informed of the results attained in this field.

AMERICANS TO SURVEY GAS IN SAUDIA

NEW YORK, Tuesday (UP).— A team of American engineering experts will leave for Saudi Arabia in the near future to conduct preliminary studies incidental to the development of Saudi Arabia's vast supplies of natural gas, estimated at 2,500 million cubic feet daily, according to Mr. Reeseman Fryer, Middle East representative of International Development Services.

With deep sorrow we announce the death of

Mrs. Tamara Kaplan

Wife of Yehoshua Kaplan

The funeral will leave from the Bellinson Hospital for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery, Tel Aviv, today, March 9, 1955, a. 9.30 a.m.

YEHOSUA KAPLAN
LEAH PESERES
CHANA GRESSEL
SHIFRA OSEN

Bus to the Cemetery will leave at 9.30 a.m. from 37 Rehov Shlomo Hamelekh

Capital Deserted on Eve Of Its Own 'Shushan Purim'

Not since the siege of Jerusalem have the streets of the capital been as quiet as they were yesterday, when half the city went to Tel Aviv to join in the Adloyada merry-making. The familiar greeting among the few remaining Jerusalemites was: "Why aren't you at the Adloyada?" The typical answer was: "Do you think I am crazy?"

In the late afternoon, the streets began to fill up gradually but there were no real holiday crowds. A few score youngsters kept up an incessant din with toy pistols and explosives in the early hours of the evening, but this, too, was hushed after the night cinema performances had begun.

The children, sovereign rulers of the streets of Jerusalem for the past 48 hours, enjoyed the sparse traffic, but even they appeared to tire of their targetless fusillade, or else seemed to run out of ammunition.

During the past two days, 24 children have suffered minor injuries from various Purim accidents including those resulting from fire works.

With half the cars out of town, even a toddler could cross the main street without risk to life or limb. Still in town were those die-hard Jerusalemites who prefer to have their dignified fuss at home. Their feelings were best expressed by a veteran resident enjoying a quiet stroll down the centre of Jaffa Road: "It's good to be in Jerusalem, isn't it?"

'Real' Arabs

Large numbers of pint-size "Arabs" gave a touch of old-time colour to the centre of the city. A genuine resident of Beit Safafa who unsuspectingly came to town for some shopping was greeted everywhere with good-natured shouts of "Purim." Jerusalemites wondered when the first "Jews" would appear in "the Old City carnival."

Shopkeepers reported business "like on a holiday." In other words they might as well have shut down their shops — which many of them did, and went to Tel Aviv.

Many Civil Servants appeared to have taken Purim as one of their special days off, but nevertheless, what business remained was transacted quicker than ever. This was one of the rare occasions when one could send a cable or post a registered letter at the G.P.O. without a long wait in the queue.

The mass exodus started by road and rail early in the morning. The packed 6.55 train had a definite Purim flavour. Others went by bus, private car or taxi, and most of the urban taxis, making hay while the sun shines, appeared to have switched to inter-urban routes. Despite the pressure, everybody seemed to have got away, and there was little question of returning before the morrow in time for Jerusalem's own "Shushan Purim."

GIANTS

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a Kibbutz lad did a polka with a rabbi in *streimel* and snowy beard. Gentlemen tagged with all the party tickets embraced in the rear.

After the official Adloyada trucks came the Government exhibits:

The Ministry of Health nurses showed how to bathe a baby, and called for nursing recruits.

"Haifa Port" had a line of tourists and immigrants teetering into sheds, while a convoy of export crates and bales jogged out to sea.

"El Al Airlines" featured a flying Hamentasch on the tip of a snow-white fuselage.

"Jaffa Port" stevedores flung oranges to delighted children on the pavement. Boys dressed as oranges preceded the mammoth golden globe of the Citrus Marketing Board.

The "Ingathering of Exiles" held a surprise float: a real English "Pub" with Big Ben at one end and a London policeman brandishing his baton at the British Zionists. Caucasians in Astrakhan hats and knives in their mouths did a fierce reel, despite the truck's jolting. An entire Caucasian regiment pranced behind in their baggy trousers. Clapping Spanish senoritas twirled on the next float and Kurdistani drummers vied with a Boer family on trek with the South African Zionists.

8 Negev Settlements Giving and Getting

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Eight Negev settlements that have to relinquish land they have been farming for several years, now designated as part of the Lachish development area, will be "compensated" with 40,000 dunams in other places.

The settlements, which have now given up their previous objections to the proposed transfer, will remain on their old land as "caretakers" for several years, during which time it will be irrigated and cultivated in preparation for the arrival of its first settlers.

The new areas, which will be situated to the north and south of Lachish, will be as alike as possible in condition and potentialities to the land which was being worked there by the settlements.

5 MINISTERS TO ADDRESS BUILDING CONVENTION

The building problems and programmes of the State will be the subject of addresses to be given by five Cabinet Ministers: Mrs. G. Myerson, Mr. P. Bernstein, Dr. D. Joseph, Mr. Y. Saphir and Mr. Y. Rokach at the 20th General Meeting of the Association of Engineers and Architects in Israel to be held at "Ohala" near Tiberias, from March 17 to 19.

The meeting will elect a Presidium and a Permanent Committee and hear reports from Messrs. A. Gaston, Chairman of the Association, A. Levine, Treasurer, and A. Palas, Deputy Chairman.

Natorei Karta, Facing Sons of Haman

Two choice Purim posters were put up by unknown hands in Jerusalem yesterday.

The first invited the public to an "International Football Match" between the Natorei Karta and the Sons of Haman at the Children's Club of the Working Mothers Organization in Rehov Dvora Hanevia at four o'clock this afternoon. Tickets at the offices of the Natorei Karta and all barbershops.

The second poster was an obituary notice for "Haman, the Jew-baiter" demanding an immediate meeting of the Security Council to avenge his murder. Signed, Amalek and Abdul Nasser Families.

Cowboys Chase Geishas On the Carmel

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Although "half of Haifa" reportedly went to see the Adloyada parade in Tel Aviv one would not have thought so tonight in Rehov Herzl where it was difficult to walk for fear of tripping over the hundreds of children. Streets on Hadar Hacarmel were thronged with strollers out to admire the costumes ranging from a girl, dressed as "Popular Housing" with balconies jutting out of her at all angles, to robots with coloured lights going on and off from head to toe.

Others ran wild: cowboys having running fights with geisha girls, to the accompaniment of pistol shots and fireworks.

Three photographers did a roaring trade, as did "the world's greatest magician," in specially erected tents in Masaryk Square.

Two children had to receive first aid from Magen David Adom after explosives went off in their pockets and burned part of their clothing.

TWO DRIVERS JAILED, FINED

ACRE, Tuesday. — The drivers of an Egged bus and a lorry were today sentenced in the Magistrate's Court here to 14 days in prison for traffic offences, and were also each given a fine.

Yosef Stauber, the Egged driver, was fined IL180, imprisoned for 14 days and had his licence suspended for six months. He was found guilty of failing to stop in front of a railway crossing near here and of crossing the white line in the centre of the road while attempting to overtake a car. He was reported by a member of the Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents, who was the main prosecution witness.

The lorry driver, Ali Mohammed Abdul Kahamid, was fined IL125 and was sent to jail for a fortnight because he drove his lorry without the left front light. It was also found that the lorry had mechanical faults. Both offences occurred about three months ago.

TWO INJURED IN TWO HAIFA ACCIDENTS

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Two persons were seriously injured near here this morning in two separate accidents. Shalom Jibili, 18, of Kiryat Binyamin who at 9 o'clock was walking along the pavement on the Kfar Ata road, was hit when a bus and lorry collided. Both drivers were detained and later released on bail.

Haim Pascal, 46, of Madregot Egion, was hit and injured by an Army lorry near Atlit at 7.30.

Jibili and Pascal were taken to Rambam Hospital, where their condition was reported "still serious" this evening.

COURT RULES ON SUSPENDED SENTENCES

The Supreme Court, sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeal, ruled yesterday that a suspended sentence may be imposed in cases where the law provides for compulsory imprisonment or minimum punishment.

The appeal was made by Mr. S. Keren, who appeared for Ya'acov Shakartzi 40, and his wife, Rahel, 20 of the Tira *sug'bard*, who were sentenced to two weeks and three months imprisonment, respectively, for attacking and interfering with police in the line of duty.

The Court was composed of Justice Silberg, Landau and Berinson. *(Itim)*

BABY BADLY BURNED BY MILK

HAIFA, Tuesday. — A 15-month-old baby, David Hilleli, of Rehov Bilu here was badly burned when boiling milk spilled on him in his home this morning. Injured on his face, shoulders and chest he was taken to the Rambam Hospital in serious condition.

C.I.O., A.F.L. DEMAND WAGE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (UP). —Leaders of the Congress of Industrial Organizations and the American Federation of Labour called on President Eisenhower yesterday to request an increase in the federal minimum wage to $1.25 an hour. They said that the President gave them no promises.

The President has recommended that the present minimum wage of 75 cents an hour be raised to 90 cents. This was the first appearance of C.I.O. and A.F.L. leaders since their merger last month.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR VIENNA POGROM

The Chief Rabbinate has established this Saturday as a memorial day for the three-day mass slaughter of Jews in Vienna by the Nazis 17 years ago. Psalm 79 will be recited in all synagogues after the Torah reading and local rabbis will devote their sermons to this tragic chapter in Jewish history.

Faure Faces Test On Economy Issue

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Premier Edgar Faure asked the National Assembly to consider tonight's vote on the civil service budget as "engaging the existence of the Government." The Assembly was debating this year's budget which includes an additional 9,500m. francs for pay increases.

His Government is threatened not only by France's crucially tangled financial and economic problems, but also by a new flare-up of the Saar dispute with Germany that can yet wreck French ratification of the Paris arms treaties.

M. Faure discussed the issue of wage increases with his Cabinet last night, and may test the Government strength on it. He got his first setback last Friday when the Finance Committee rejected his proposed increase on the grounds it was not enough. The Premier has not indicated whether he believes a confidence vote on the matter would put the measure through.

It was recalled that a vote of confidence on economic policies caused the downfall of the Faure Cabinet in 1952.

On Thursday, Premier Faure is expected to send the Assembly his request for an extension of emergency economic powers until the end of April. This would be to revise the tax system and break the anti-tax movement led by the bookseller, M. Pierre Poujade, who has suddenly found himself famous by leading an open revolt against the authority of the Government to collect taxes from shopkeepers.

German Seized After Berne Legation Affair

BERNE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Munich police have arrested a German alleged to have driven gunmen from Germany to Switzerland to attack the Rumanian Legation here last month, the Department of Justice and Police stated here today. The arrest was made on the request of the Swiss authorities, they added.

Police here also said that the four gunmen now under arrest are Olivio Beldernu (alias Mihail Dumikriu) a 31-year-old sculptor; Jon Chirila (alias Bragoiu), a labourer, aged 24; Soare Codrescu (alias Emil Crisan), an automobile mechanic, aged 23 and Dumitriu Ochiu (alias Dumitru Dima), no profession, aged 26.

Dedijer Voted Out Of Parliament

BELGRADE, Tuesday (Reuter). — Mr. Vladimir Dedijer, ex-Communist leader sentenced in January for hostile propaganda, has been deprived of membership of parliament, the newspaper, "Dnevnik," said today. His constituents in the market town of Pancevo, north-east of Belgrade, voted on Sunday to recall him.

Mr. Dedijer and former Vice-President Milovan Djilas, received six and eight months suspended prison sentences, respectively, after giving statements to the foreign press criticizing the regime.

Afro-Asian Conference Set for April 18 to 24

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (UP). — The Afro-Asian conference will be held from April 18 to 24 in Bandoeng, Indonesia, it has been revealed here. If the conference does not wind up its business in that period, the sessions may be extended further despite the Moslem holiday of Ramadan.

Dr. Palar, the Indonesian Ambassador, stated that the conference would work within the U.N. framework to show Western countries that the Asians can run their own affairs. He said that the meeting will fit within the U.N. Charter and that Western nations were not wanted "to come here and decide our issues."

He added that Israel had not been invited because that would have annoyed the Arab states.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA

Probate File No. 32/55.

In the matter of the estate of the late Jakob Alster of Riga, deceased on February 5, 1950 at Vienna.

PETITIONER: Michael Cassl, Barrister-at-Law of 14 Shderot Rothschild, Tel Aviv.

Order of Administrator.

In virtue of an order of the District Court of Haifa bearing date this day, I do hereby cite all and all manner of persons to appear in the District Court of Haifa, in ten days from the date hereof and show cause, if any they have, why an Order of Administration of the estate of the late Jakob Alster of Riga should not be granted to Mr. Michael Cassl, Advocate of 14 Shderot Rothschild, Tel Aviv as Administrator of the said estate, as in default thereof the Court will proceed to grant the said order as stated above.

S. HAHN — Registrar.
Date: March 3, 1955.

Refugee Invented Story Of Soviet Train Crash

BERLIN, Tuesday (Reuter). — An East German refugee who last week reported that a Soviet military train had crashed in East Germany, killing 40 Soviet soldiers, admitted today that he had invented the story to win political asylum.

The refugee, Hans Kieslinger, told the West German news agency, DPA, on Thursday that he was the fireman on a train which was derailed in Saxony the previous Saturday.

USSR Accepts Czarist Treaty Obligations

MOSCOW, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union said today that it accepted Czarist Russia's obligation in signing international conventions in 1899 and 1907 on the peaceful settlement of differences between states on the rules and conduct of war and the rights of neutral powers.

A Soviet note to Holland which had inquired whether Russia still accepted the conventions, said that they were recognized insofar as they were not contradictory to the U.N. Charter and were not modified by subsequent international agreements in which the Soviet Union participated.

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Secondly, they should let it be known that they, too, while maintaining their claims, will not prosecute them by forceful means and will refrain from all offensive military action.

"If these objectives could be realized, consideration could then be given internationally at an appropriate stage to the problem of Chinese representation in the United Nations and to the future status of Formosa."

Sir Anthony added that, after talks about Formosa with Mr. Dulles and the Prime Ministers of India and Burma, and on the basis of information he had from Peking about the Communist Government's attitude, he had come reluctantly to the conclusion that the necessary conditions for international discussions on Formosa did not exist.

In his report to the Senate Committee on his trip to Bangkok and Formosa, Mr. Dulles said "The free world's position in South-East Asia will be in jeopardy unless the U.S. makes its influence felt in a positive way."

"The Communists portray us as weak and unless the free people get a clearer sense of our strength and our willingness to use it, they may conclude that Communism is going to win and they had better join up," Mr. Dulles told the Committee.

His words were quoted in a statement issued after the two-hour private meeting. It said that, so far as the Nationalist-held offshore islands of Quemoy and Matsu were concerned, "Mr. Dulles repeated to the Committee the substance of his New York speech of February 16." *(Reuter, UP)*

MATSU REPORTED TRIPLING DEFENCE

TAIPEH, Tuesday (UP). — Both Nationalist and Communist China were today reported to be pouring thousands of reinforcements into the Matsu Island area as an all-out struggle for the tiny island appeared imminent.

Nationalist China, according to official quarters here, was tripling the size of the Matsu garrison. Heavy artillery and reserve ammunition were also reportedly being rushed to the island.

Blizzards Shake Southeast England

LONDON, Tuesday. — Blizzards trapped hundreds of villages almost within sight of London today and cut Britain's main road link to the Continent. The 20-hour snowstorm, the worst for 15 years in south-east England, struck Kent at midnight.

Police reported snowdrifts up to three metres deep, isolating villages around the city of Canterbury, and blocking roads almost up to London's suburbs.

Traffic between London and Dover piled up in two gigantic traffic jams on either side of a belt of snow which blocked the approaches to the main cross-Channel port.

Meanwhile from Athens it was reported that a blizzard swept the western Peloponnesus last night and today, wrecking peasants' cottages, uprooting trees, and tearing down telephone lines. Wild seas in the Ionian Sea prevented a liner from Italy from disembarking passengers at Patras. All sailings were stopped. *(Reuter, UP)*

Urge Withdrawal Of Bevan's 'Whip'

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Socialist leaders will recommend the parliamentary Labour Party next week to take extreme disciplinary measures against the left winger Aneurin Bevan, on the ground that he has split the Party on various occasions, reliable sources said tonight.

The leaders of the Labour "shadow cabinet," headed by Mr. Clement Attlee, will propose that "the whip be withdrawn" from Mr. Bevan as a Labour Member of Parliament.

This is a phrase used to describe the exclusion of a member from any part in the Party's parliamentary organization activities and meetings. It is usually followed by expulsion from the Party.

JEALOUSY—A Vietnamese bank clerk, jealous over his beautiful auburn-haired wife, stabbed her to death, then drenched himself and his four children in petrol and set fire to it, police said in Saigon yesterday. All died in the flames.

Cables in Brief

SECRET. — The four-month secret session of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), ended in secrecy. The idea of the "do not talk" clampdown is to give the governments time to prepare their own statements to be issued simultaneously with the press communique.

ANGELI.—A bone specialist who has examined the Italian actress, Pier Angeli, said she would not lose her expected baby as a result of her injury in a plane accident. Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios said yesterday in Hollywood.

CAR.—The East German Premier, Mr. Otto Grotewohl, yesterday bought a British sports car at the Leipzig Fair. The car, a Triumph, is a sleek, bright-red 18-horse power model.

OPERATION. — Dr. William Honor died of a heart attack in Detroit while he was operating on a patient. His assistant successfully completed the operation.

TANKER. — A 30,000-ton turbo-driven oil tanker, the largest vessel ever to be ordered in Italy, is to be built in Genoa's Ansaldo Shipyards. Further details of the ship and the name of the future owners will be released later, the shipyard said.

VISIT. — The Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, reported yesterday that a Lebanese parliamentary delegation will arrive in Belgrade this week as guest of the National Assembly.

DROUGHT. — So severe is the drought in the Lebanon that pailsful of water in the Buka'a and Southern Provinces are being sold for 30 piastres each, it was reported yesterday.

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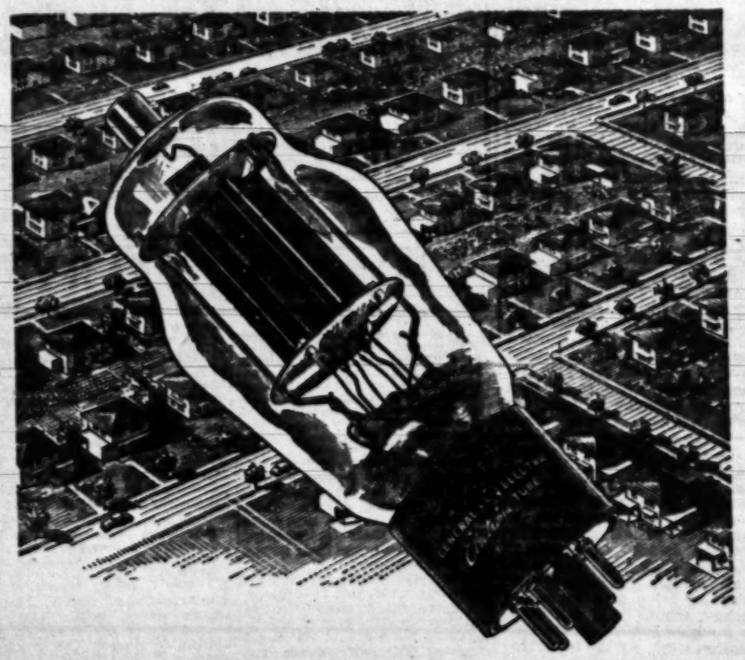

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WEIGHTED OPINION

RARELY has the West's stand on Israel been made so clear as in the address of Mr. J. D. Jernegan, of the U.S. Department of State, who said quite simply in Washington this week that the whole of the Middle East must, in their opinion, be fortified against a possible Soviet threat, and also that Israel is now in no greater danger than the rest of the area. The somewhat sanguine view of Israel's comparative security is not one to which Israel can subscribe. Even if it were certain that there will be no Second Round that Col. Nasser and young King Hussein of Jordan so glibly promise their people, the armistice is broken often enough on each of Israel's borders for these actions alone to add up to a small war. These incursions might grow in scope and still not be aimed at changing the frontiers, or create a position that would require the Three-Power Western Guarantee to be put into operation. This war in its normal form may be too small to worry the West but it is felt in Israel as an intolerable drain.

Until the last year or two, Israel's need to defend not only its political existence, but also the safety of its border areas seemed sufficiently well understood in the United States, and it is not impossible that there may again be recognition of Israel's day-to-day peace needs there. The British attitude, despite the growing direct friendship, has necessarily remained coloured by Anglo-Arab relations, and as these have become more tenuous, so has British appreciation of Israel's position appeared to fade away. As expressed by such professional servants of the Arabs as Glubb Pasha, the attitude is that Israel must expect to pay a form of land-rent to the Arabs in blood as the price of its existence, must accept infiltration, sabotage and murder, and must not take effective steps to curb these on pain of being labelled the aggressor. This is fully borne out by the carefully weighted reports that have appeared in the London "Times" over the past week, since the Gaza clash. Despite a careful listing of Israel charges against Egypt, it is clear that the paper's sympathy is entirely with the Cairo authorities, although it is not so long since British forces themselves could not avoid sharp retaliation against Egyptian murderers and saboteurs. In particular, the paper emphasizes that "Western hopes of better relations between Egypt and Israel are shattered." It is difficult to understand on what these hopes, reiterated yesterday by Mr. Zden, were based; certainly not on any British intention of bringing pressure to bear on Egypt towards a peace settlement. Britain's indulgence might be due to the fact that its political capital in that country is too low for any avoidable expenditure to be made, and that it has decided to wait "until the time is more favourable."

British opinion, to judge from "The Times", is little occupied, in fact, with the Israel end of the matter. Its sole interest at the present juncture is that Egypt should reverse its stand and join the Iraq-Turkey pact, to be in a stronger position to lead the fight against Israel. Thus the Cairo correspondent notes "(the Gaza incident)... might induce them sooner rather than later to take a more favourable view of the Turkey-Iraq pact, which offers a guarantee to all signatories against Israel aggression... The idea that the Egyptian-Arab armies, including the forces of Iraq plus those of Turkey, would be a still better buckler against Israel aggression must surely occur to someone of importance in Beirut, Damascus, Amman or Cairo... (Egypt)... has been presented with excellent ammunition for taking the initiative again in leading anti-Jewish feeling."

And, again, the Cairo correspondent notes that Colonel Nasser does not seem "half so enraged by the Gaza incident as by the Iraq-Turkey treaty," and that the authorities in Baghdad have had to lodge a formal protest against the suggestion that the clash at Gaza had been "incited by the Iraq Government."

For ourselves, whatever unites or divides the Arab States — the Gaza incident or the Turkey-Iraq pact — we can only hope that neither will be used as an occasion to shuffle off responsibility for the actions of their proteges and their effect on Israel's security and other interests.

Adloyada Then and Now

A happy "hora." Some miniature Israelis represent some Israelis in miniature. Photo by Schlesinger

Gaiety for the Earnest

By SRAYA SHAPIRO

THE art of public merrymaking being among those that had been lost in Exile, the Dreamers of Tel Aviv endeavoured to restore it ever since they returned to their town after the First World War. A carnival, they heard, was held in many Mediterranean cities. Carnival meant mass rejoicing, and mass rejoicing was a necessary relaxation from the daily struggle which promised to be much more arduous than they had envisaged.

The first "carnival" — it was a mere procession of masques, on foot, for Tel Aviv did not extend far beyond the Herzlia School — was interrupted shortly after it started on a Purim afternoon by news of the Tel Hai disaster three days earlier. There was some disagreement about whether to go on with the procession despite the news. The opponents won.

A similar problem arose in 1927, with the country plunged in the Long Disturbances since April of the previous year. Dizengoff was all for holding the Adloyada — as the procession had come to be known after 1932. But he was already a dying man. It seemed sacrilegious to many citizens to enjoy life while the Yishuv was facing one of the bloodiest attempts to annihilate it.

"It has always been difficult to make people merry," Mr. Yitzhak Katz, Director of the Tel Aviv School of Law and Economics, reminisces. Mr. Katz belonged to the small but most important group of Tel Aviv Revellers who had Mayor Dizengoff's backing on Purim. The group, consisting as it was of most serious-minded persons ordinarily engaged in important business, took matters of public interest to heart. "On Purim eve we used to have a few drinks at home for a start. Then we would proceed to the main streets and enter the cafe houses where all Tel Aviv used to while away every evening. The Retzky (now Balsam) on Allenby Road was one of those cafes. We would pick up our friends — and who was not our friend in the small town of Tel Aviv at that time? — and compel them to have a drink with us and join us in our tour. The last cafe would be Sheleg Levanon, an awful place down the Road nearer to the seashore, where Hevra Trask, ever-merry, ever-broke enthusiastic young poets and dreamers, met. And then we would all make for the other part of the town, to the Gluckman warehouses where Agadati arranged his famous Balls."

Twenty years ago it was the same problem as today: make people merry, make people relax and take part, keep them from being mere onlookers who watch other people making fools of themselves. Being a mere onlooker does not make a man relax — and men who work earnestly must realise this before all else.

It has been one of the Adloyada's worst features that the number of persons who take part in it is infinitely smaller than the masses who come to watch. For they come in droves, from all the parts of the country, and from abroad. Arabs from Jaffa used to take up positions on the sidewalks along the Road at daybreak. On Agadati's suggestion, Graf Zeppelin was invited to pay a visit to Tel Aviv on Purim — and the floating ship actually came on time, to the delight of so many thousands of onlookers.

"Pity it is," Mr. Katz says, "that Baruch Agadati had been left out of the Adloyada preparations. With his faintly melancholic smile he makes others feel merry."

There is nothing frivolous or light-minded about the Adloyada. It is not a *Mardi Gras*. It is not an orgy of merriment of self-satisfied, nonchalant youths oblivious of their duties. It is rather the effort of the soldier on leave to forget for a while the front lines.

Everybody Loves The Carnival

By YITZHAK ODED

"WHAT'S your impression of the carnival spirit this year?"

That's the question we asked under the bandstand at Magen David Square. And try as we might, we didn't get a single critical opinion. Maybe it was the music and the dancing in the square. Maybe it was the Purim pistols. Maybe it was the little boy held up by his father and play-conducting way over the heads of the crowd. Maybe it was Spring.

"We used to make pretty merry in Mograbi every Friday night back in 1931, but today people are a lot happier — or at least a lot noisier" is the opinion of a 50-year-old couple originally from Eastern Europe. "Perhaps it's because there are people of so many origins. The youth especially is exuberant — older people have more worries. The costumes are better too — we didn't have the materials to make such good ones then. And the authorities seem to have talked up the Adloyada."

"THIS really makes me feel good. It's the first time since I came here six years ago that people have been in such a wonderful mood," answers a woman in her forties in one breath before her husband draws her away. "The whole city has put on a new face. Yes, there used to be celebrations like this in Poland, but we didn't use to participate and we never dressed up. You can see how much freer everybody feels over here. It all belongs to us."

This phrase recurs on the lips of everyone — except the Sabras of course. They only say they've never seen anything like it here before.

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A young couple from Argentina, just seven months in Israel, feels it was a wonderful idea to have come in from Behovot. "It's the first time I've really seen Israel dances," she says.

"Don't get us wrong," he explains, "the Carnival spirit is wonderful in Argentina too, though we never approved of dressing up over there. Ten or twelve people all dress up in the same costumes, you know. They squirt water all around on everybody," he adds, struggling with the translation of the Spanish names for all these customs. "But although they make a lot more noise, they don't seem to feel so free over there. They'd be embarrassed to dance in the streets, for instance. The Israel dances are simply marvellous. But the costumes are not particularly original."

Her sister disagrees. We leave, hoping we haven't started something.

THE policeman in the middle of the square is busy sorting out pedestrian traffic and answering dozens of inquiries. He just got through reporting to a superior who seems to be making the rounds.

"Any trouble?"

"Nothing serious. They're all happy but not too exuberant," he adds with a smile. "It's bigger and better than last time by a long stretch. Even adults dress up. You should have seen the Farouk that went by a few minutes ago."

"How does it compare with the celebrations you have seen abroad?"

"In Iraq we stayed at home on Purim."

"I mean how does it compare with the Moslem holidays there, like the end of the Ramadan?"

"The Arabs don't have a real carnival in the streets. It's not worth watching. And a few of them always end up getting killed and wounded."

That's one thing we haven't had in Tel Aviv.

A Cry from Jerusalem on Purim

Yesternight I was all sack and ashes,
Because it was Purim, and everybody merry
and in Tel Aviv, so
For consolation I read Ogden Nash's
Poetry,
It didn't help much;
My room was cold and as such
Dreary,
Still feeling blue and weary
I decided for us
Was Morpheus,
But it was like lying on a picket fence
I kept thinking of the Adloyada as my most
missed experience
I was mad
To have read
In bed
Instead
Of having called on Queen Mab
And taking a late cab
And being carnival-drunk
Rather than wishfully-thunk.

MIRIAM

PEN FRIENDS

DHIRU MERCHANT, B. Sc., 22 years old, of 305, Walkeshwar Road, Bombay 6, is eager to find correspondents from Israel. His hobbies are antiques, medallics, hiking and literature and he is interested in all kinds of last sports.

REBECCA FINK, of 802 Leonard Drive, Westbury, Long Island, U.S.A., would like to exchange letters with a 15-year-old boy or a 17-18-year-old girl from Israel.

Germans Look to Business, Leave Accounting to U.S.

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM

LONDON. —

NOW that the Bundestag has ratified the Paris agreements, interest is turning to the question how much rearmament is going to cost the Federal Republic. A provisional answer given by the Finance Minister, Herr Schaeffer, during the debate on the treaties suggests that direct and indirect expenditures will total DM13,000m. (about IL5.5m.) annually, of which DM9,000m., or about two-thirds, will represent actual military costs.

Since West Germany currently pays DM7,200m. annually for Occupation costs, which will not in future be charged to the Germans, the additional cost of equipping 12 divisions is small — only DM1,800m. per annum. With an estimated national income of DM155,000m., the defence burden does not seem heavy. The Opposition, of course, maintains that this is only the thin end of the wedge, and that the Germans will eventually have to pay more taxes to equip the new forces.

Anti-Arms Sentiment

What gives a certain stimulus to this somewhat dry and technical argument is the undercurrent of anti-arms sentiment, which is no longer confined to the Left. Most Germans have by now heard all the arguments pro and contra the official view that rearmament will not interfere with reunification, and that talks with Moscow on this subject will yet take place. What people are only now beginning to take in is the more sophisticated slogan of the "neutralists," who are making headway both inside the Social-Democratic Party and among the Conservative and Liberal groups. The argument, stripped of technicalities, amounts to this: it is no longer meaningful to offer the Russians a unified and neutralised (whether rearmed or defenceless) Germany, since in the age of jet propulsion and the hydrogen bomb even the whole of Germany is too small to count as a "buffer zone." The only offer which could possibly interest the Russians is that of a neutral — but not defenceless — Western Europe: a Western Europe, that is to say, from which American forces (especially bomber bases) have been withdrawn: the *quid pro quo*, of course, would have to be a Soviet withdrawal not merely from Eastern Germany, but from Eastern Europe as a whole.

The people who push this argument in Germany (some of them in quite responsible positions) are not necessarily opposed to rearmament. They may even be toying with the thought that a rearmed Federal Germany would be in a better position to "invite" the Americans to go home — on condition that the Russians do the same. All this is not quite in the realm of practical politics yet, but it will be in a few years' time.

Boom in Germany

In the meantime Germany is having a boom which is seriously straining its energy output. This week the West German coal industry has announced plans for a single giant research laboratory to reduce mining costs and discover new chemical uses for coal. The plan has been talked about for 15 years, but only now, with German oil production increasing rapidly and atomic energy fuel just over the horizon, is the subject beginning to look urgent to the coal operators. What is behind it is the sudden discovery that if coal is to stay in the running as a fuel, mining costs must be brought down. Moreover, it has become increasingly obvious that in the long run coal will probably be useful only in refined forms as an industrial fuel.

Last week a prominent industrialist suggested that coal may in future be used only for gas and chemical refining, a statement which sent a shiver through the Ruhr. The new central laboratory will have the task of making such a policy for coal possible.

These preoccupations provide a partial explanation for the marked lack of enthusiasm with which Western Germany approaches the date when the Paris agreements will come into effect. Apart from their doubtful military value and the mortgage they may be placing on hopes for national union, the new defence arrangements will to some extent interfere with industrial re-equipment.

Left to themselves, the German industrialists would undoubtedly prefer to seek new markets and let the Pax Americana take care of world politics. It is the Western Powers, not the Germans, who are determined that this shall not happen.

Yesterday's Press

Courage in Celebration

MOST Tuesday newspapers published special Purim features and supplements. "Davar" (Histadrut) deals editorially with the renewal of the Adloyada tradition, stressing that this year's celebrations will be under the sign of the joy of ingathering of the exiles and the achievements of the state. "Zmanim" (Progressive) also welcomes the carnival, which it recalls has been celebrated throughout our history even in the ghetto and in times of persecution. The editor of "Yediot Aharonot" is convinced no other people would have the courage to celebrate in our circumstances.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) calls on Israel to understand the modern meaning of Purim; the fight against the Haman of our days (America) on the side of Mordechai (the Soviet Union). "Hatsofe" (World Misrahi Union) welcomes the renewal of the Adloyada tradition but says that it should become a permanent institution and should not copy the carnivals of other nations but have an original Jewish content.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) criticizes the line adopted by the speakers in the recent conference of Jewish organizations in New York and denounces Dr. Goldmann in particular for identifying himself with American foreign policy. Israel is not interested at all in becoming a member of the Middle Eastern military alliance. It should learn from the past that attempts to find favour in the eyes of the State Department are doomed to failure anyway. The only danger to Israel stems from the supply of arms to the Arab states by America, and world Jewry should be enlisted in an attempt to prevent this.

Mr. Jernegan knew, of course, says "Ha'aretz" (non-party), that he would have done a service to the Republican Party had he expressed stronger sympathy with Israel. If he refrained from doing so, it is because the American Government does not want to change its line in the Middle East. Not that it means to leave Israel at the mercy of the Arab states: what Washington wants is a defence organization which will close a dangerous breach that may attract the Soviet Union. It regards the Arab-Israel dispute as one of the main stumbling blocks on the way to such a defence organization. Israel is not less interested in the defence of the area, and it must be hoped that a common language will yet be found on this basis. The inclusion of Israel into a Western defence arrangement will blur the dispute in the course of time, while her exclusion will almost certainly cause the failure of the whole military system.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) strongly criticises some articles about the Lavon crisis in the British weekly "New Statesman," and demands an investigation to find out what Israel government sources were responsible for disclosing this information.

The decisions of the armistice commission against Israel prove, according to "Herut", that Israel must either put up with the almost daily killing of her citizens or defend herself and incur the risk of a motion of censure. The paper thinks that every nation in the world, including those to whom the U.N. observers belong, would choose the second way. "Ma'ariv" notes that the Rehovot murder, for which Egypt has been censured only now by the MAC, came before Gaza and was in fact the last link in the chain that provoked it.

Readers' Letters

MARRIAGE LAWS: TWO MORE VIEWS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — May I comment on a point made in the letter from Mrs. Minnie Halkin in your issue of March 4?

It has become commonplace, to assert that the Knesset passes bills conformable to Jewish Law solely for political reasons. This view maintains that in effect this is a case of a religious minority forcing its views on the majority of the inhabitants of Israel.

The fallacy of this statement lies in the assumption that the size of the religious representation in the Knesset is proportional to the observant section of the population. This is hardly so. It stands to reason, for example, that many Yemenite and North African settlers who voted for Mapai and the General Zionists in the last elections would endorse the stand of the Religious Parties on religious issues.

Furthermore, in Israel, as in most Jewish communities the world over, it is not a case of "either, or." For here too there is a shading-off by gradation from ultra-orthodoxy to ultra-secularism. Many inhabitants who do not define themselves as "religious" nevertheless identify themselves with the religious parties on certain basic issues, for national, cultural, or sentimental reasons. For example: 67 per cent of the readers of "Ha'aretz" (in a poll conducted by that paper) favoured the forbidding of the sale of pork in Israel, though the greater part of them are probably not what is known as "religious." Similarly, the Israel Institute for Applied Social Research revealed in one of its surveys that 48 per cent of the population opposed the conscription of women, thus endorsing the stand of the Religious Parties, who constitute only 12½ per cent of our legislature — the only ones in the Knesset to take up the cudgels against military service for women.

It is more than likely, therefore, that those clamouring in the name of democracy for the repeal of our marriage laws are themselves a minority.

Yours, etc.
ARYEH FISHMAN

Jerusalem, March 5.

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your correspondent writes with derision about a "fanatic religious minority" and "stone throwers" as if they are the only supporters of the present marriage law. The fact that the Religious Parties have 15 members in the Knesset who all advocated this law is enough to disprove this. In addition, it is common knowledge that large numbers of religious Jews are organized in the parties that are not specifically Religious.

It can safely be assumed that as the case under discussion concerns one of the basic principles of the Jewish faith, there will be a majority in favour of the present system. The point to bear in mind is that according to religious law, civil marriages and divorces are completely invalid and marriage out of the faith is illegal and the children of such a marriage are non-Jews. If your correspondent's views were accepted, I fear this would cause a split in the nation, with one part unable to intermarry with the other. With so many difficult problems urgently awaiting solution, it is in everyone's interest that we remain united.

Yours, etc.
ERWIN EISNER

Jerusalem, March 8.

PURIM MEAT RATION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — This morning, I went to the butcher's in eager anticipation to fetch the 100-gramme meat for Purim. I found my butcher in a very bad mood indeed. He is a man who loves his trade, knows it thoroughly and likes to serve his customers well. When I saw the "meat," I understood.

I come from a small Dutch town which is the centre of the meat-packing industry. I know the difference between good and bad meat and I wonder and am a bit ashamed that our authorities allow our precious currency and rare shipping space through the Suez to be wasted on such bad quality. Do our authorities really know what is brought into our ports and do they agree to our good money being spent on such sub-standard foodstuffs?

Yours, etc.
EMILE VISSER

Tel Aviv, March 4.

MUSICAL DIARY

Sixth Monthly YMCA and Jerusalem Musicians Association Concert: Brucha Eden and Alexander Wolkowisky, Duo Pianists (March 7) J.S. Bach: Sonata in E-Flat; Schubert: Fantasy, op. 103; Chopin: Rondo, op. 73; Saint-Saens: Variations on a Theme by Beethoven; Haim Alexander: Sonata in One Movement Vitold Lutoslavski: Variations on a Theme by Paganini (First Performance).

The annual recital by these two extremely gifted youthful pianists is one of the city's most enjoyable musical events. Their exemplary teamwork was quite evident in their magnificent reading of Bach, and their lyrical line with Schubert.

Haim Alexander's sonata is capricious, vivid, rich in contrast, and harmonically related to Ravel. The powerful climax identifies it as the work of an Israel composer. The performance was really inspired: that of the bold and complex Lutoslavski work was brilliant. It was on this same Paganini theme in A-Minor, by the way, that Brahms and Rachmaninoff wrote their variations.

The programme closed with two thrilling encores especially suited to Purim high spirits: Milhaud's "Scaramouche" and the foxtrot from Walton's "Facade."

Natanya Circle

THE Natanya Music Lovers Circle, trying hard to build up a regular concert season, succeeded in presenting Menahem Pressler in his final farewell recital at the Beit Hahalutsot on March 5.

The first part was pour le piano but the rest was decidedly pour le pianiste. Bach-Busoni's chorale prelude in G minor made a solemn curtain raiser, and Chopin's "Revolutionary" Etude became an affair full of passion, but in the Debussy series the most delicate nuances and touch values were there.

We felt the mystery of "La cathedrale engloutie," its organ pipes and the gigantic crescendo of its bells. The tender "Pelleas et Melisande" atmosphere was about us in "La fille aux cheveux de lin" the seductive "Plus que lente," dedicated by the composer "to those countless tea parties," fairly sparkled. The rhythm of Spain was electrifying in De Falla's "Andalucia," but Mr. Pressler's virtuoso brilliancy triumphed in Liszt's breakneck "Rigoletto Paraphrase."

FRANGO

"Conservatoriada" — A Purim programme presented by the New Jerusalem Conservatory and Academy of Music. (Y.M.C.A. Hall, March 4.)

IT was a lovely hour's entertainment to watch Hassya Levy's dance pupils and the youngsters of the recorder and percussion classes. The live little puppets at the fairyland toy shop recalled the dreams of our own childhood, and the tiny pantomime, "The Trial of Haman," breathed real carnival spirit.

They do not teach classical ballet at the Conservatory, and this is a great advantage, for it teaches the children how to move aesthetically but still naturally without becoming little monkeys — in all five positions, possibly.

Jerusalem Chamber Music Society, Gedeon Partos (viola), George Hasz (oboe), Lorand Fenyves (violin), Alice Fenyves (violin), David Leis (viola), Thelma Yellin ('cello), (Rehavia Gymnasium, March 5). Mozart: Oboe Quartet in F major; Stamitz: Concerto for Viola and Strings (arr. by G. Partos); Mozart: Quintet in G minor for two violins, two violas and 'Cello.

GEORGE Haas' playing with a well-balanced team of strings proved anew the extraordinary musical qualities of this young oboist, unfolding the poetry of the early Mozart.

The composer's creative spirit may reveal itself even when he arranges; unlike routine settings or what you may call "Kapellmeister Musik," Mr. Partos's montage of themes by Stamitz was a crystalline blending into a homogeneous whole. The arranger, who was also the soloist, gave us unforgettable moments in the Andante Moderato.

Seldom have we heard such perfect playing as in the G-minor Quintet. From the very first to the very last note it was as if some magic spell had set us (players and audience) beyond time and space. Words could not grasp the beauty of this performance. Should we say it was Chamber Music in the fifth dimension?

Y. ZARAI

In Haifa

THE Haifa Orchestra's youth concerts are attended better than ever. This may be traced not only to the higher standard of musical education in our schools but also to the fact that the lectures and performances at the concerts are so interesting. Mr. Hanan Bruen, who also lectures at the concerts arranged at Pevsner House by the Society for the advancement of Science, is an ideal teacher. He keeps his young audience hushed by the living picture he paints of a composer's life and work and by his easily accessible explanations. The children listen attentively, for they know that at the end of the season there will be a "Quiz" with alluring prizes for the best answers.

The concerts began in 1947, under the guidance of Mr. Richard Fabian. Mrs. Lotte Schlesinger, their initiator and manager, keeps in close contact with the children and their music teachers. Well-known Haifa artists and gifted children are chosen to perform at the concerts, which take place on alternate Friday afternoons all through the winter season. Pevsner Hall, with accommodations for 150 grown-ups, seats more than 200 eight- and nine-year-olds.

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